Construction of Ankola-Hubli new broadgauge Line

2220. SHRI J.P. JAVALI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Ankola-Hubli new broadgauge line has been proposed for construction during the Eighth Five Year Plan period ; and

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost of the project and whether any details have been worked out for commencement of work and completion of the new line ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) A survey has been conducted. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 236·8 crores. Taking up of the project depends upon clearance of the same by Planning Commission and availability of the resources in the coming years.

रेलवे में पदों की कटौती

2221. **श्री रणजीत सिंह :**
डा० जितेन्द्र कुमार जैन :

क्या रेल मंत्री 15 जुलाई, 1992 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न सं० 707 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना अवधि की अपेक्षा भर्ती में कमी किए जाने की योजना है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान रेलवे में कितने व्यक्तियों को भर्ती किया गया ; और

(ग) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना अवधि के दौरान अनुमानतः कितने व्यक्तियों को भर्ती किए जाने का प्रस्ताव है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के अंतिम तीन वर्षों के दौरान में भर्ती किए गए व्यक्तियों की संख्या, जो तत्काल उपलब्ध है, नीचे दी गई है :—

1987-88	.	42,198
1988-89	.	47,895
1989-90	.	51,638

(ग) ऐसा कोई अनुमान तैयार नहीं किया गया है । भर्ती प्राप्त होने वाले यातायात, सेवानिवृत्ति के कारण होने वाली रिक्तियों पर निर्भर करेगी और यह रेलों पर आधुनिकीकरण की प्रगति के अनुरूप होगी ।

Railway passengers from Delhi to Kotdwara

2222. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is afact that there is sufficient number of railway passengers from Delhi to Kotdwara ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is no direct train between Delhi and Kotdwara ;

(c) whether it is a fact that a good number of compartments are attached from Delhi to Kotdwara in Mussorie Express bound for Dehradun and these compartments remain detached at Najibabad Station for more than four hours ; and

(d) if so, whether Government would introduce a direct train between Delhi and Kotdwara to minimise the difficulties of travelling public ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRR OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) On an average per day only 113 passengers were booked from Delhi to Kotdwara during 1991-92.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) 5 coaches are run between Delhi and Kotdwara by 4041 Mussorie Express and 1 Najibabad-Kotdwara passenger in one direction and 8 Kotdwara-Najibabad Passenger and 4042 Mussorie Express in the other with attaching/detaching at Najibabad. The waiting time at Najibabad is 2·15 hrs. in one direction and 3·30 hrs. in the other.

(d) At present there is no proposal to introduce a direct rrain between Delhi and Kotdwara.

Rail link between Panvel and Karjat near Bombay

2223. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3616 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th September, 1990 and state :

(a) whether the survey for the rail link between Panvel and Karjat near Bombay has been completed ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) what is Government's re - ponse to the survey report ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) No, Sir. However, land acquisition has been included in the Budget 1992-93 at a cost of Rs. 5·5 crores.

(b) and (c) Survey has been taken up. Further action will be considered as per results of survey and availability of resources.

Allocation of amount for the conversion of MG into BG of Dindigul-Trichy

2224. SHRI S.K.T. RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that rupees two crores have been allocated for the year 1992-93 for the conversion of metre Gauge to Broad Gauge of Dindigul-Trichy line (93 kms.), if so, what works have been undertaken in the current year for implementation of the project ;

(b) the amount which have been allocated for Madras-Villupuram-Virudachalam-Trichy MG to BG line conversion for the year 1992-93 ; and

(c) what are the works to be undertaken for the implementation of this project during 1992-93 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir. Conversion of Madras-Chengalpattu has been taken up in the current year for implementation of the project.

(b) and (c) The section from Madras-Beach to Chengalpattu (56 km) is targetted for completion in 1992-93 . Funds as require for this section will be provided by re-appropriation.

Structure on rent or lease on Railway land in Bombay

2225. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that many unauthorised structures and the structures given on rent or lease on Railway land outside and round Suburban Railway sttions in Bombay cause hindrance to the free movement of commuter traffic at entrance and esit of Railway Stations ;

(b) if so, the details of these locations and the number of structures involved in each of these sites ;

(c) whether it is a fct that the Municipal Corporation of Greater Bombay the State Government and various commuters' Associations have been urging the Railways to remove these structures ;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and